

Instructions for the nominees: The Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation asks you to provide typed answers to each of the following questions. It is requested that the nominee type the question in full before each response. Do not leave any questions blank. Type "None" or "Not Applicable" if a question does not apply to the nominee. Return printed answers to Committee. Begin each section (i.e., "A", "B", etc.) on a new sheet of paper.

A. BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

1. Name (Include any former names or nicknames used):

David M. Dermanelian (Dave)

2. Position to which nominated:

Rear Admiral, Lower Half

3. Date of Nomination: September 18, 2015

4. Address (List current place of residence and office addresses):

5. Date and Place of Birth:

February 12, 1965 in Ypsilanti, Michigan

6. Provide the name, position, and place of employment for your spouse (if married) and the names and ages of your children (including stepchildren and children by a previous marriage).

Michelle Ann Dermanelian, homemaker

Hayden (NMN) Dermanelian (20)

Hunter (NMN) Dermanelian (18)

7. List all college and graduate degrees. Provide year and school attended.

Bachelors of Science in Electrical Engineering, 1988, U.S. Coast Guard Academy

Masters of Science in Electrical Engineering, 1994, George Washington University

8. List all post-undergraduate employment, and highlight all management-level jobs held and any non-managerial jobs that relate to the position for which you are nominated.

I have served as a Coast Guard Officer since May 18th, 1988. Please see my biography for detailed information.

I was also employed by the University of Alaska, Kodiak College in the fall semester 2000 (September-December) to teach one undergraduate computer science class.

9. Attach a copy of your resume.

My official Coast Guard biography is attached.

10. List any advisory, consultative, honorary, or other part-time service or positions with Federal, State, or local governments, other than those listed above, within the last five years.

None.

11. List all positions held as an officer, director, trustee, partner, proprietor, agent, representative, or consultant of any corporation, company, firm, partnership, or other business, enterprise, educational, or other institution within the last five years.

None.

12. Please list each membership you have had during the past ten years or currently hold with any civic, social, charitable, educational, political, professional, fraternal, benevolent or religious organization, private club, or other membership organization. Include dates of membership and any positions you have held with any organization. Please note whether any such club or organization restricts membership on the basis of sex, race, color, religion, national origin, age, or handicap.

Rotary Club of West Marin 2004-2006

Coast Guard Officers Association National Capital Region – 2014-2015

None of these organizations restricts membership on the basis of sex, race, color, religion, national origin, age or disability.

13. Have you ever been a candidate for and/or held a public office (elected, non-elected, or appointed)? If so, indicate whether any campaign has any outstanding debt, the amount, and whether you are personally liable for that debt.

No

14. Itemize all political contributions to any individual, campaign organization, political party, political action committee, or similar entity of \$500 or more for the past ten years. Also list all offices you have held with, and services rendered to, a state or national political party or election committee during the same period.

None

15. List all scholarships, fellowships, honorary degrees, honorary society memberships, military medals, and any other special recognition for outstanding service or achievements.

Appointment to the U.S. Coast Guard Academy
Meritorious Service Medal – four
Coast Guard Commendation Medal – two
Coast Guard Achievement Medal
Humanitarian Service Medal – two
Defense Service Medal - two
Global War Terror Service Medal
Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal
Honorary Chief from the Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard

16. Please list each book, article, column, or publication you have authored, individually or with others. Also list any speeches that you have given on topics relevant to the position for which you have been nominated. Do not attach copies of these publications unless otherwise instructed.

Published, Institute of Navigation, *DGPS & LORAN SNR Improvements by Null Steering and De-Coupling Magnetic Loop Antennas*, Spring 1998

Published, *Implementation of a low cost shipboard bridge team trainer using virtual reality technology*, 9th World Congress of the International Association of Institutes of Navigation Amsterdam, 18-21 November 1997

17. Please identify each instance in which you have testified orally or in writing before Congress in a governmental or non-governmental capacity and specify the date and subject matter of each testimony.

None

18. Given the current mission, major programs, and major operational objectives of the department/agency to which you have been nominated, what in your background or employment experience do you believe affirmatively qualifies you for appointment to the position for which you have been nominated, and why do you wish to serve in that position?

I wish to serve as a flag officer in the U.S. Coast Guard to establish viable strategies, align initiatives, and achieve outcomes that directly support the Department of Homeland Security missions and the Commandant's strategies including: securing our borders, disrupting transnational criminal organizations, expanding operations in the Arctic, and strengthen our cyber readiness and resilience.

19. What do you believe are your responsibilities, if confirmed, to ensure that the department/agency has proper management and accounting controls, and what experience do you have in managing a large organization?

I will be responsible for ensuring that every appropriated dollar within my purview is aligned and supporting the Commandant's priorities while fulfilling appropriation laws and fiscal regulations. The importance of demonstrating control and accounting for all resources is critical to creating confidence with the public, DHS and our Congressional overseers that the Coast Guard is maximizing every dollar spent to fulfill its eleven statutory missions. To demonstrate this, the Coast Guard must continue to strengthen its hard earned unqualified, Chief Financial Officer Audit.

20. What do you believe to be the top three challenges facing the department/agency, and why?

Managing public and Congressional expectations: budgetary pressures have placed a significant strain upon the maintaining operational levels and system availability. By strain, I mean lower levels. The Coast Guard is an incredible response organization; we are not strong in advocating for resources when other agencies are suffering beside us.

Recapitalizing the Coast Guard's aging fleet of cutters, aircraft and technology infrastructure. The pace of recapitalization is slower than the need to refresh each operational capability. When cutters, aircraft or technology infrastructure fails to meet the basic "safe to operate" levels then those assets are tied to the pier, grounded, or disconnected from the information network. There has been limited investment into mobility capabilities that enable the workforce (first responders, boarding officers, marine inspectors and field technicians) to maximize productivity. The time it takes to remedy an information technology service has quadrupled since 2011. When a member is unable to access information, they are unable to perform their duties.

Thwarting cyber effects: every aspect of our personal and professional lives rely upon information that is delivered through infrastructure that is exposed to a determined and credible league of asymmetric and nation state cyber actors. Those bad actors are challenging every organization including the maritime transportation system partners, national industrial base, federal/state partners and individuals. There is a high risk to disrupting the supply chain for Americans if a cyber actor positively controls a large vessel's movement in one of our 58 critical ports. There also is a high risk to Coast Guard operations if our business systems were to be attacked inhibiting our ability to pay vendors and personnel. Just two of many examples.

B. POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

1. Describe all financial arrangements, deferred compensation agreements, and other continuing dealings with business associates, clients, or customers. Please include information related to retirement accounts.

Please see my nominee Public Financial Disclosure Report.

2. Do you have any commitments or agreements, formal or informal, to maintain employment, affiliation, or practice with any business, association or other organization during your appointment? If so, please explain.

No

3. Indicate any investments, obligations, liabilities, or other relationships which could involve potential conflicts of interest in the position to which you have been nominated.

None

4. Describe any business relationship, dealing, or financial transaction which you have had during the last ten years, whether for yourself, on behalf of a client, or acting as an agent, that could in any way constitute or result in a possible conflict of interest in the position to which you have been nominated.

None

5. Describe any activity during the past ten years in which you have been engaged for the purpose of directly or indirectly influencing the passage, defeat, or modification of any legislation or affecting the administration and execution of law or public policy.

None

6. Explain how you will resolve any potential conflict of interest, including any that may be disclosed by your responses to the above items.

I will obtain advice from a Coast Guard ethics official and follow that advice.

C. LEGAL MATTERS

1. Have you ever been disciplined or cited for a breach of ethics by, or been the subject of a complaint to any court, administrative agency, professional association, disciplinary committee, or other professional group? If so, please explain.

No

2. Have you ever been investigated, arrested, charged, or held by any Federal, State, or other law enforcement authority of any Federal, State, county, or municipal entity, other than for a minor traffic offense? If so, please explain.

3. Have you or any business of which you are or were an officer ever been involved as a party in an administrative agency proceeding or civil litigation? If so, please explain.

No

4. Have you ever been convicted (including pleas of guilty or *nolo contendere*) of any criminal violation other than a minor traffic offense? If so, please explain.

No

5. Have you ever been accused, formally or informally, of sexual harassment or discrimination on the basis of sex, race, religion, or any other basis? If so, please explain.

Yes. In March of 2012, I was accused of firing a GS-13 employee based on age and race discrimination. EEO Complaint HS-USCG-21887-2012. After an external party investigation conducted by in 2012, I was notified on July 11th that the case was closed by the EEO Counsel with no findings of discrimination or other wrong doing upon the Government's part.

6. If you ever served as a general court-martial convening authority involving an offense involving sexual misconduct or assault, have you ever disapproved the findings of a court-martial related to the offense(s) or reduced the sentence adjudged by a court-martial, other than in connection with a pre-trial agreement?

No

No

7. Please advise the Committee of any additional information, favorable or unfavorable, which you feel should be disclosed in connection with your nomination.

None

D. RELATIONSHIP WITH COMMITTEE

1. Will you ensure that your department/agency complies with deadlines for information set by congressional committees?

Yes.

2. Will you ensure that your department/agency does whatever it can to protect congressional witnesses and whistle blowers from reprisal for their testimony and disclosures?

Yes.

3. Will you cooperate in providing the Committee with requested witnesses, including technical experts and career employees, with firsthand knowledge of matters of interest to the Committee?

Yes.

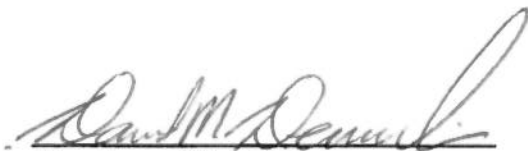
4. Are you willing to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Congress on such occasions as you may be reasonably requested to do so?

Yes.


(Nominee is to include this signed affidavit along with answers to the above questions.)

F. AFFIDAVIT

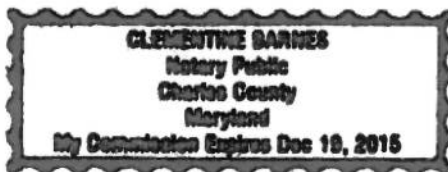
David M. Dermanelian being duly sworn, hereby states that he/she has read and signed the foregoing Statement on Biographical and Financial Information and that the information provided therein is, to the best of his/her knowledge, current, accurate, and complete.


Signature of Nominee

Subscribed and sworn before me this 22nd day of September, 2015



Notary Public





Captain David M. Dermanelian

Commander, C4IT Service Center, U.S. Coast Guard

Captain David Dermanelian, USCG, is currently the Commander of the Coast Guard's Command, Control, Communications, Computers & Information Technology Service Center (C4ITSC). He leads a team of 2,300 members that provides C4IT products and services for the entire Coast Guard.

Prior to this Captain Dermanelian served as the Chief, Office of Cyber Security and Telecommunications Policy (CG-65) where he was designated the Coast Guard's Chief Information Security Officer and Telecommunications Program Manager. He developed Coast Guard policy, formal strategies, and budgets for the Coast Guard's information security, spectrum management and telecommunications programs. He was the Designated Approving Authority for classified systems and new acquisitions including Nationwide Automatic Identification Systems and C4ISR systems on the National Security Cutter and Fast Response Cutter, and HC-144A Ocean Sentry aircraft. His duties included representing the United States as Head of Delegation to the International Maritime Organization's Subcommittee on Radio Communications and Search and Rescue which oversaw international policies involving the implementation of life saving appliances and the Global Maritime Distress Safety System.



His Coast Guard career includes eight additional unique assignments including: Chief Engineer at the Command & Control Engineering Center, Portsmouth, VA; Commanding Officer, Communications Area Master Station Pacific, Point Reyes, CA; Seventh District, Chief C4IT Officer, Miami, FL; Commanding Officer, Communications Station Kodiak, AK; Associate Professor US Coast Guard Academy, New London, CT; Project Engineer at the Research and Development Center, Groton, CT; Shipboard Electronics Project Officer, Headquarters, Washington DC; Deck Watch Officer, USCG Cutter DAUNTLESS, Miami Beach, FL. He also sailed the Coast Guard Cutter EAGLE to Australia in 1987.

A native of Michigan, Captain Dermanelian graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy with a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering and from The George Washington University with a Master of Science in Electrical Engineering

His personal awards include four Meritorious Service Medals, two Coast Guard Commendation Medals and the Coast Guard Achievement Medal.

REAR ADMIRAL David M. Dermanellian

Current Assignment

Jun 2013 – Present Command, Control, Communications, Computers, and Information
Technology Service Center (C4IT SC), Commander

Assignment History

Jul 09 – May 13 Commandant (CG-65), Cyber Security & Telecommunication
Policy, Office Chief
Jul 06 – Jun 09 Command & Control Engineering Center, Engineering Division
Chief
Jul 03 – Jun 06 Communications Area Master Station Pacific, Commanding
Officer
Jul 01 – Jun 03 District Seven (Dt), C4IT Technology Officer
Jun 98 – Jun 01 Communication Station Kodiak, Commanding Officer
Jan 96 – May 98 USCG Academy, Assistant Professor Electrical Engineering
Jun 94 – Jun 96 USCG Research and Development Center, Systems Engineer
Aug 92 – May 94 The George Washington University, Graduate Student
Jul 91 – Jun 92 Telecommunications Information System Command – Project
Officer
Jul 90 – Jun 91 Commandant (G-TES-1), Shipboard Electronics – Project Officer
May 88 – Jun 90 USCGC DAUNTLESS, Deck Watch Officer & Boarding Officer

Educational Summary

1992 - 1994 The George Washington University, Master of Science, Electrical Engineering
1984 - 1988 USCG Academy, Bachelor of Science, Electrical Engineering
1983 - 1992 Numerous courses from University of Toledo, George Mason University,
Northern Virginia Community College

Military Personal Awards and Significant National Recognition or Achievement

2013 Meritorious Service Medal
2009 Meritorious Service Medal
2006 Meritorious Service Medal
2003 Meritorious Service Medal
2001 Coast Guard Commendation Medal
1999 Malcom Baldrige Quality Award – Silver
1998 Coast Guard Commendation Medal
1996 Coast Guard Achievement Medal

Significant Current Professional Credentials or Recent Activities

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